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PARK AVENUE CAMEOS

No. 3

G. R. HENRY



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"Yorkshire Sports"

Gerry Henry played five times for Yorkshire Schoolboys and was twice reserve for the England Schoolboys' XI. against Scotland and Wales.

On leaving school he assisted the famous Outwood Stormcocks junior team, and signed amateur forms for Leeds United at the age of 16.

He became an Elland Road professional at 17 and a year later, on Good Friday, he was making his First Division debut against Manchester United. He played about 250 war time games for Leeds United and had 36 League appearances in 1946-47.

A ninety minutes player, Gerry gives of his best to the final whistle. He had, up to the end of the past season, played 56 League games for Bradford and scored 19 goals.

OUR VISITORS

The Luton Town Club was formed in 1885 by the fusion of Luton Wanderers and Luton Excelsior.

"The Hatters" are the oldest professional club in the South of England. In 1890 they paid three players 5/- per match but at the end of the season it was decided to make all the players alike and pay them 2/6 per home game with 6d. more for an away fixture with extra payment for time lost at work before noon on Saturdays. The following season the wages were doubled.

Luton played in the Southern League until the formation of the Third Division (South) in 1920. They were second in the table in 1935-36, a point behind Coventry City, but they made sure of promotion the following season when they finished at the top of the table two points in front of Notts County.

Luton have finished above Park Avenue in each of the post-war seasons. This season they have five points from as many games, a win and two draws from home games, whilst they have drawn one and lost one away from home. Their goal average is six for with five against them.

They played a goalless draw against Grimsby Town on Saturday last when they had a 17-year-old debutant in Fred Slater.

The Luton manager is "Dally" Duncan, who was a member of Derby County's cup-winning side in 1946 and played for his country — Scotland — on nine occasions between 1933 and 1938.

Last season Luton were knocked out of the cup by Leicester City after some hectic scoring. The first tie was drawn at five each and in the replay Leicester won by five goals to three.

CLUB GOSSIP

Three points from five games is not a start to the liking of any club's supporters and, in addition to the results, the play, in the Park Avenue games, has been very disappointing from a spectacular view-point.

It is to be hoped that we shall soon see the team run into form and give the faithful some cause for enthusiasm.

It was a very good performance to bring a point away from the Hull City ground after being in arrears on three occasions. The attendance at Hull was over 42,000.

In a previous issue we mentioned the formation of the Northern Intermediate Junior League. The first home fixture of the Park Avenue Juniors was played on Saturday morning last and those who attended had a football feast.

Both teams played very good football. The Middlesbrough side played the short passing game and were very entertaining to watch, but the home boys favoured the more open game, swinging the ball about to the opposite wing and opening up the visitors' defence.

The next home fixture for the Junior side is on Monday, 12th September, when the Hull City Juniors will be the visitors to Park Avenue. The kick-off is at 6-30 p.m. and we should like to see a big crowd to encourage our lads against "Raich" Carter's boys.

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LUTON TOWN

BERNARD STREten (goalkeeper).—Was regarded as England's best amateur goalkeeper for 20 years and won international honours before turning professional at Luton following R.A.F. service. Developed in schoolboy play in his native Norwich, and then played with Walsall, Crewe Alexandra, Norwich City, Notts County, and Shrewsbury Town.

WILLIAM COOKE (right-back). — A sturdy and stalwart two-footed defender of much versatility who can be utilised in a variety of positions with equal effect. A Derbyshire product of the Chesterfield locality, and had had experience with Bournemouth before Luton recruited him as a left-back late in December, 1945.

THOMAS AHERNE (left-back).—Hails from Eire, where he won prominence with the club of his native Limerick before travelling north for three years with Belfast Celtic, with whom he was a colleague of our own Charlie Currie. Crossed to Luton last March, and turned out so well that the club went back and signed his younger brother.

CHARLES WATKINS (right half-back).—Not big, but compact and tireless, and is quick and discreet in his use of the ball. A Scot who left Benburb Juniors for Glasgow Rangers in 1941, and was on the transfer list at his own request when Luton paid substantially for him on September 21, 1948.

SIDNEY OWEN (centre half-back).—First signed for Birmingham (where he was born) in October, 1945, when home on leave from Italy, where he had played while in the R.A.F. In five first team appearances while at St. Andrew's he demonstrated his adaptability by appearing in all three half-back positions before moving to Luton in June, 1947.

DAVID GARDINER (left half-back). — The only member of the club's present playing staff who was at Luton in pre-war days, and is a sound and consistent performer who never stops working. From the Scottish district of Douglas, and was a star with Auchinleck Town in minor play before Luton signed him in the 1938 close season.

PETER SMALL (outside-right).—A son of Sussex who had played with distinction with Horsham, the club of his native town, before making a name in B.A.O.R. football. Luton signed him in the summer of 1946 on the recommendation of Hugh Billington, the centre-forward they later transferred to Chelsea.

WALTER SHANKS (inside-right). — Originates from Edinburgh, and had been rejected by Chelsea following a month's trial before he moved to Kenilworth Road for a probationary month in January, 1947. Gave quick satisfaction as an outside-left, but developed into a more successful player in an inside berth.

WILLIAM ARNISON (centre-forward).—A massive opportunist of 5ft. 10in., and 13st., and can be one of the most dangerous scoring leaders in the Second Division. A South African who came to Britain in 1946 to join Glasgow Rangers, and Luton were said to have paid a fee of £7,500 for him in August, 1948.

JOHN TAYLOR (inside-left).—Youngest and least experienced member of the side, but intelligent and industrious, and is developing well. Had a variety of minor experience in the north-east before he made such quick progress with Stockton, the club of his native town, that Luton paid a four-figure fee for him on February 14, 1949.

WILLIAM WAUGH (outside-left). — Clever and purposeful Scot who ran his trials with a number of junior clubs near his native Edinburgh before he left Bathgate Thistle to become a Luton professional in September, 1944. Since then has appeared frequently on both extreme wings, and is just as good on one as the other.

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- 1—Which is easily the smallest town in the country which ever had a club in the First Division of the Football League ?
- 2—Which is the only Football League club to have been managed by two men both born outside the British Isles ?
- 3—What is the shortest period in history in which a player appeared for his country in two codes of football and who was the player concerned ?
- 4—Who was the forward who did not score his first goal in the Football League until 10 years after he became a professional in the competition ?
- 5—Who is the President of the Football League ?
- 6—What was the score and who were the scorers in last season's cup final ?

Check your attempts with the answers in Saturday's programme.

Right	BRADFORD	Left
	Farr	
	2 Hepworth	3 Farrell
	4 White	6 Elliott
7 Smith	8 Henry	9 Crosbie 10 Deplidge 11 Glover
	Referee:	Linesmen:
	R. J. LEAFE (Nottingham)	Red Flag: B. E. NOBLE Blue Flag: G. A. PICKERING
11 Burtenshaw C.	10 Taylor	9 Arnison
6 Gardiner	5 Owen	8 Kiernan 7 Shanks
3 Aherne	4 Watkins	2 Cooke
	Streten	
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Ground alterations have made necessary the closing of the tea-room at the Horton Park end of the ground at the beginning of the season. Until arrangements are made for re-opening supporters requiring refreshments may obtain same at the tea-rooms under the main stand or on the terrace by the dressing rooms.

Recruiting of new members for the present season has been progressing steadily during the past few weeks and the committee will welcome suggestions for future activities. All communications on Supporters' Club matters should be addressed to Mr. Hulme at 14 Woodhall Terrace, Thornbury, and he would appreciate a stamped envelope for reply from members requiring cards sending by post.

Members who booked for the trip to Blackburn are requested to collect their tickets at the terrace tea-room today.

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CLUB GOSSIP—continued

On Saturday we shall have as visitors the Brentford team, now managed by "Jackie" Gibbons, with another former Park Avenue captain, Ronnie Greenwood, playing against old colleagues.

The kick-off for this game is 3 p.m.

Harry McIlvenny had a try-out with the Midland League side on Saturday, this being his first game since his injury against Manchester United in the Cup-replay at Park Avenue on February 5th.

WHITE FLAG		RED FLAG	
A	CHELSEA SUNDERLAND	A	QUEENS PARK RANGERS PRESTON
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D	MANCHESTER CITY EVERTON	D	NORWICH CITY ALDERSHOT
E	MIDDLESBROUGH FULHAM	E	TORQUAY NEWPORT
F	WEST BROMWICH A. ARSENAL	F	
G	BARNLEY COVENTRY	G	
H	BURY CHESTERFIELD	H	
J	GRIMSBY SWANSEA	J	
K	WREXHAM BRADFORD CITY	K	

SECOND DIVISION			MIDLAND LEAGUE		
	F.	A.		F.	A.
Aug. 20—Plymouth Argyle	away	1	Aug. 20—Denaby United	home	3
24—Leicester City	home	2	22—(Mon.) Bradford City	away	4
27—Sheffield Wednesday	home	1	27—Rotherham United	away	2
29—Leicester City	away	4	29—(Mon.) Bradford City	home	0
Sept. 3—Hull City	away	3	3—Hull City	home	5
7—Luton Town	home	3	10—Notts County	away	2
10—Brentford	home	3	17—Gainsborough Trinity	home	0
17—Blackburn Rovers	away	3	21—(Wed.) Lincoln City	away	0
24—Cardiff City	home	3	24—Grantham	away	0
Oct. 1—Tottenham Hotspur	away	3	Oct. 1—York City	home	3
8—Barnley	away	3	3—(Mon.) Lincoln City	home	3
15—West Ham United	home	3	8—Doncaster Rovers	home	3
22—Sheffield United	away	3	15—Shrewsbury Town	away	3
29—Grimsby Town	home	3	22—Scunthorpe United	home	3
Nov. 5—Queen's Park Rangers	away	3	29—Grimsby Town	away	3
12—Preston North End	home	3	Nov. 5—Notts Forest	home	3
19—Swansea Town	away	3	12—Ransome & Marles	away	3
26—Leeds United	home	3	19—Peterborough United	home	3
Dec. 3—Southampton	away	3	26—Workop Town	away	3
10—Coventry City	home	3	Dec. 3—Scarborough	home	3
17—Plymouth Argyle	home	3	10—		
24—Sheffield Wednesday	away	3	17—Halifax Town	away	3
26—Bury	home	3	24—Rotherham United	home	3
27—Bury	away	3	31—Hull City	away	3
31—Hull City	home	3	Jan. 7—Gainsborough Trinity	away	3
Jan. 7—F.A. Cup 3rd Round	away	3	14—Halifax Town	home	3
14—Brentford	home	3	21—Scarborough	away	3
21—Blackburn Rovers	home	3	28—Scunthorpe United	away	3
28—F.A. Cup 4th Round			Feb. 4—Boston United	home	3
Feb. 4—Cardiff City	away	3	11—Shrewsbury Town	home	3
11—F.A. Cup 5th Round			18—York City	away	3
18—Tottenham Hotspur	home	3	25—Doncaster Rovers	away	3
25—Barnley	home	3	Mar. 1—(Wed.) Notts County	home	3
Mar. 4—West Ham United	away	3	4—Ransome & Marles	away	3
11—Sheffield United	home	3	11—Notts Forest	away	3
18—Grimsby Town	away	3	15—(Wed.) Goole Town	home	3
25—Queen's Park Rangers	home	3	18—Grimsby Town	home	3
April 1—Leeds United	away	3	25—Boston United	away	3
7—Chesterfield	away	3	April 1—Denaby United	away	3
8—Southampton	home	3	8—Peterborough United	away	3
11—Chesterfield	home	3	10—(Easter Mon.) Goole Town	away	3
15—Preston North End	away	3	15—Frickley Colliery	home	3
22—Swansea Town	home	3	17—(Mon.) Mansfield Town	home	3
29—Coventry City	away	3	22—Frickley Colliery	away	3
May 6—Luton Town	away	3	24—(Mon.) Mansfield Town	away	3
			29—Workop Town	home	3
			May 6—Grantham	home	3

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Junior XI

	F.	A.	Goals
Aug. 27 Huddersfield T. Jun., 11 a.m.	away	0	5
Sept. 3 Middlesbrough Jun., 11 a.m.	home	3	0
10 Stockport City Jun., 6-30 p.m.	away		
12 Hull City Jun., 6-10 p.m.	home		
29 Hull City Jun., 6 p.m.	away		
Oct. 8 Rotherham Utd. Jun., 11 a.m.	home		
15 Middlesbrough Jun., 3 p.m.	away		
22 Stockport City Jun., 11 a.m.	home		
29 Barnsley Jun., 11 a.m.	away		
Nov. 5 Leeds United Jun., 11 a.m.	home		
12 Leeds United Jun., 11 a.m.	away		
19 Barnsley Jun., 11 a.m.	home		
Dec. 3 Huddersfield T. Jun., 11 a.m.	home		
17 Rotherham Utd. Jun., 11 a.m.	away		

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